

STOUNDING EXHIBITION OF LOCAL PREJUDICE

Professor Stuart Characterizes
New England Efforts to
Belittle Poe.

FIVE PRAISE TO LESSER MEN
Lecture Delivered at Richmond College yesterday afternoon, Dr. Robert A. Stuart, of the college faculty, vigorously contended that Edgar Allan Poe is the best known of all American authors to European people. Poe's influence on French literature was the subject of his address.

For many years Dr. Stuart has been a student of Poe's works and a teacher of the French language and literature. His vigorous vindication of the cosmopolitan genius of the University of Virginia and of the Southern literary messenger against the judgment of certain other scholars was heard with keen interest.

An examination of certain articles in the new Encyclopedia Britannica, said Dr. Stuart, "develops the following interesting data: the sketch of Longfellow, which contains a slighting reference to Edgar Allan Poe, fills one and a half columns; to Whittier is assigned three columns; James Russell Lowell gets four; Emerson, five and a half; Hawthorne, four; while unconventional Walt Whitman and poor, little Edgar Poe, as the Longfellow biographer calls him, are dismissed with a scant column and a half each. Hence it is to be judged by encyclopedia editors that Longfellow, the poet of culture, is three times as interesting and as eminent as Poe, and even Whittier was twice his stature in the Hall of Fame."

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"To Europeans this disposition, which obtains likewise in most of the manuals of American literature emanating from the colder sections of our country is less than amazing. What an astounding exhibition of local and petty prejudice or misjudgment of the genius pronounced by Andrew Lang to be the greatest writer of prose fiction that America has produced."

According to the speaker, Boston's apparent dislike of Poe was heartily reciprocated by that unfortunate author. Poe is reported to have said that he was thoroughly ashamed of the fact that he was born in Boston, and frequently he made slighting references to Bostonians.

Dr. Stuart made the point that France and Germany long ago recognized in Poe "the American literary genius." The French, since 1841, shortly after the publication of the Murders in the Rue Morgue, studied him, praised him, translated him and imitated him.

Despite Poe's wide popularity in Europe, his knowledge of the French language and literature was more than superficial, according to Dr. Stuart.

JUDGE KEITH BACK

"He himself as 'Exhibit A' to disprove reports of ill health." Judge James Keith, who has been confined for several weeks, returned yesterday to the bench of the Supreme Court. The president of the court was warmly welcomed by his associate judges, and after a few minutes' conversation with state officers on his fine physical appearance, Judge Keith was in fine health. "I came to file myself as 'Exhibit A' to disprove the report that I am in ill health," he remarked, jocularly.

Auditor Moore Returns.

State Auditor C. Lee Moore returned yesterday afternoon from a ten-day absence, which he devoted to rest and recreation at an arduous year. He is in good physical form and never looked better.

REPORTS APPROVED

Central Committee of A. P. V. A. Holds Meetings Here.

At a meeting of the Central Committee of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities held yesterday at the John Marshall High School, reports of the reports of the standing committees were read and approved. Mrs. J. Taylor Ellison reported that the second annual payment of \$100 on the appropriation of the \$500 to the John Marshall House fund had been received from the treasurer of the West Virginia Bar Association.

A communication from Miss Lottie Moore, president of the association, was read, and the meeting adjourned. The association will take place on Monday, December 6, immediately after the meeting of the John Marshall House. An invitation was received from the Dorothy Payne Madison Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, to be present on the afternoon of December 6, at 3:30 o'clock, at the unveiling of a tablet marking the site of the Old Bell Tavern.

An interesting pamphlet was received through the Goodwill Robinsons, entitled, "Pocahontas and the Colonial Dames of Virginia," by Robert Bright, secretary of the Goodwill Robinsons, A. P. V. A. Several valuable gifts were received from Mrs. Randolph Robinson, and these, with other gifts and loans, will be used as part of a loan collection. Mrs. Christopher Thompson, of the loan collection, is now in the city, and will be loaned to the John Marshall House on Friday, January 5, 1915, at 3:30 o'clock.

STATE BUYING BONDS

In Market for Centuries of Riddlebergers, Without Broker's Commissions. The Sinking Fund Commissioners of the State will meet next Monday to receive bids for the purchase of \$125,000 of bonds, to be retired, either Century bonds, or Riddlebergers. Holders of these bonds are invited to offer them direct to the Sinking Fund, thereby saving broker's commissions.

Bids will be invited at the January meeting for about \$50,000 of bonds. The State will have a good sum to invest at that time for the benefit of the Sinking Fund. Second Auditor Roosevelt Page said yesterday that the State debt is being reduced faster than the terms of the indenture require, as the result of the frequent purchase of bonds.

WILL PUBLISH ANOTHER HISTORICAL VOLUME

Southern Historical Society Finds Its Publications on War Matters in Good Demand.

The Southern Historical Society met yesterday at 1 o'clock in the directors' room of the National State and City Bank, with the president, Colonel T. M. R. Talcott, presiding. Arrangements for the publication of another volume of the coming year of another volume of historical papers, to be volume 40 of the series issued by this association, were submitted and approved. The volume 39 of the Southern Historical Society Papers, prepared and issued during the past year by the secretary, Rev. James P. Smith, D. D., had been quite successful from a financial standpoint. The historical character of the publications having brought them into great demand from public libraries and collectors of data bearing on the South, and especially on the period of the War between the States.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



Uncle Understands Them Very Well.

NOT QUITE READY FOR USE OF AEROPLANES

Despite Bad Roads Mail Authorities Will Stick to Wagons for Present at Least.

Aeroplane mail service for Richmond and Virginia, though not now an immediate possibility, is certainly a future possibility. It is the suggestion offered in a recent circular issued by the Second Assistant Postmaster-General to all chiefs of divisions in the United States railway mail service. Mr. Elam, chief of the railway mail service in Richmond, has received one of the circulars, which is in the nature of a query asking him if he thinks any part of Virginia is suitable to such a modern and yet untitled carrier and delivery service. Mr. Elam, who has all the routes in Virginia at his finger tips, cogitated for some time before replying. He is open to new ideas, and is willing to be convinced, if there be any reasonable grounds to believe that Farmer Jones, of the Northern Neck, say, will be benefited by aeroplane carrier. He remembered, however, that in spite of bad roads and inclement weather, Farmer Jones usually gets his mail on time and if it be delayed, the wait is brief. So he replied to the Second Assistant Postmaster-General and said that he did not think any part of it, is yet in need of such service.

"Aeroplane," he remarked casually, as he looked out upon the overhanging clouds, "are as much subject to conditions of weather as are wagons. A wagon may be long delayed, but it will eventually get to its destination. But a shift in the wind may drive the aeroplane from its course, or the aeroplane may collapse in a 'pocket' of air, and the mail be scattered to the four corners of the earth. Then what would we do with the complaints?"

The letter received by Mr. Elam did not state that aeroplane service would be tried anywhere in the country, but it did contain the suggestion that the department had thought of the possibility, and that an airplane route might be attempted in some parts of the United States. Several years ago the attempt was made, it is remembered, at Richmond, and it succeeded, after a few years ago, four monoplanes, headed by John H. Moisant, were sent to Richmond and returned with mail to the Fair Grounds. But it seems that, for the present at least, the people in Virginia are fairly well content with the service they are now receiving. The day is not far distant, however, when aeroplanes will be able to carry 1,200 pounds of mail at high speed and deliver it at its destination.

NO CLAIMANTS FOR BONDS

Nearly \$465,000 of Old State Issues Outstanding.

State bonds aggregating in value \$465,000, the owners of which are not known to the State Auditor, are outstanding. Interest on the bonds ceased some years ago. It is believed that many of these bonds are hidden away in old papers, and their owners are unaware of their value. The bonds of the issue of 1869 for the most part, some are of earlier date. The bonds are being exchanged for new bonds. Auditor Moore is of the opinion that some of the bonds no longer exist; that they have been accidentally destroyed by fire or lost.

SHARP DECLINE IN EARNINGS

Seaboard Statement for October Shows Acute Effects of Depression.

Gross earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway system for the month of October show a decrease as compared with the same month last year of \$642,765. Operating expenses have been reduced \$274,357, leaving the net earnings for the month \$368,408 as compared with \$677,000 for the same month last year, a decrease of \$308,592. For the first four months of the fiscal year, from July 1 to October 31, the gross earnings have been \$2,111,242, a decrease of \$959,270; the operating expenses and taxes, \$530,170, a decrease of \$488,063, leaving the net earnings \$1,583,072, a decrease of \$473,217.

Tyler Retires From Race. On account of continued ill health, Henry Magruder Tyler has withdrawn his application for appointment as Hospital Commissioner of Virginia. This application has been in the hands of the Governor for some time, and was endorsed by many influential persons who knew Mr. Tyler well and appreciated his character and abilities. Mr. Tyler is widely known in Richmond, where he was a practicing attorney for many years.

Song Recited. Miss Margaret Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conway Gordon, will give a song recital at the meeting of the Ginter Park Woman's Club this afternoon. An interesting program has been arranged.

INCREASED BUSINESS

President Hyrd, of Valley Turnpike Company, Reports to Governor.

The Valley Turnpike Company, a majority of the stock of which is owned by the State, continues to conduct its business on a profitable basis while improving the roads within its territory. This is shown by the regular monthly reports filed at the office of the Governor yesterday.

The excellent results obtained indicate that a sufficient number of concerns of this kind distributed through the State would soon solve the problem of good roads for Virginia.

The report filed by Mr. Hyrd, president of the company, shows that all gates have made substantial increases except gate No. 9, and the president is now investigating the reason for the decrease in receipts. The income of the company continues to show a satisfactory increase as compared with the same month in preceding years.

The entire road from Winchester to Staunton has now been treated with a bituminous asphalt binder, and the condition of the road appears to give entire satisfaction to the traveling public," the report concludes.

Merchant Is Fined. Moses Benrim, a Cuban, was yesterday fined \$100 and costs in the Police Court on a charge of selling cigars without a license. He was arrested by Patrolman Dugan.

Gold Necklace Stolen. Mrs. N. B. Coder, 17 South Third Street, last night reported to the police that a \$30 gold necklace had been stolen from her home.

How to Neutralize Dangerous Stomach Acids

Few people besides physicians realize the importance of keeping the food contents of the stomach free from acid fermentation. Healthy, normal digestion cannot take place while the delicate lining of the stomach is being inflamed and distended by acid and wind. To secure perfect digestion, fermentation must be stopped or prevented. To secure perfect digestion, getting a little bisulphated magnesia from the drugist and taking a teaspoonful in a little hot or cold water immediately after eating. They recommend bisulphated magnesia because it is pleasant to take, has no disagreeable after-effects and instantly stops fermentation, neutralizes the acid and makes the stomach acid bland, sweet and easily digested.

The regular use of bisulphated magnesia is worth more than the value of any other kind of magnesia as it is of little value—is an absolute guarantee of healthy and normal digestion, for it overcomes and prevents that acid condition which none is the cause of trouble.



MAY STOP HUNTING

Loudoun Sportsmen Anxious to Prevent Foot and Mouth Disease.

The sportsmen of Loudoun County are willing to sacrifice their pleasure to the interests of the stock raisers of adjoining counties and abandon fox hunting this season if the State authorities consider it dangerous to cattle interests for hunting dogs to run at large.

D. C. Sands, master of the Piedmont Hunt Club, whose headquarters is at Middlesex, so advised Governor Stuart in a telegraphic communication received at the executive office yesterday in the absence of the Governor, who will return from Washington to-day.

Mr. Sands wires: "Should we stop fox hunting while this section is quarantined?"

The Governor will probably indicate a reply to-day. The possible danger is in the communication of the foot and mouth disease from fox hounds to cattle in Loudoun and adjoining counties.

Inquiries as to Unidentified Body. A more detailed description of the body of the unidentified man murdered at First and Holly Streets on November 17 was yesterday asked of Major Werner by Mrs. A. N. Marshall, of 231 West Twenty-seventh Street, Norfolk.

Mrs. Marshall said she had a son about eighteen years old who had left home more than three weeks ago, and that she feared the body might be that of her boy. She said the boy came to Richmond to look for work, and that he had not been home since heard from. The desired information will be forwarded Mrs. Marshall at once.

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OFFICERS ELECTED

Richmond Lodge, No. 16, Makes George C. Higdon Worshipful Master.

Richmond Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., was the first Masonic lodge to elect officers for the ensuing year at its regular meeting last night. All the lodges in the city will elect officers during this month, either at the stated communications, or on St. John's Day, the 27th. George H. Keesey declined re-election as worshipful master, and the senior warden, George C. Higdon, was elected as master.

The regular officers were promoted as follows: T. Jack Bagby, senior warden; William C. Butler, junior warden; W. H. Curry, re-elected treasurer; Robert E. Winfree, re-elected secretary; Dr. W. H. Street, senior deacon; G. Oliver Timberlake was chosen for junior deacon, being the only new man.

The new master appointed Revs. Landon R. Mason, D. D., and James Y. Fair, D. D., chaplains; William H. Lyman, iller; R. W. Jones and F. C. Hoeningner, stewards, and A. M. Baker, purveyor.

Richmond Lodge has the distinction of being the oldest lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, receiving its charter in Williamsburg in 1730, and has maintained its continuous existence from that time.

Norman Brown Appointed Deputy. Collector of Internal Revenue R. C. L. Moncreux has appointed Norman Brown, of Falmouth, a deputy collector of United States internal revenue. Mr. Brown has assumed his duties.

Appetite Follows Good Digestion

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